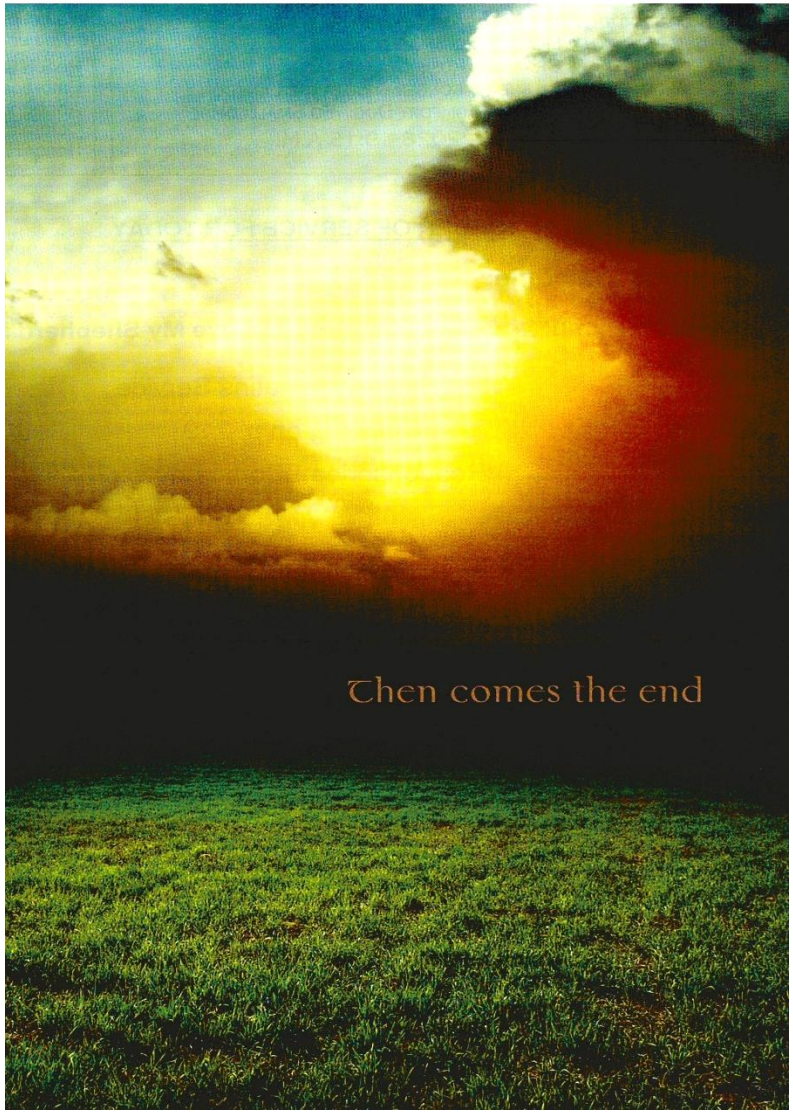
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday November 22, 2026

Opening Hymn - "The King of Love My Shepherd is

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



26th Sunday after Pentecost

Eziekel 34:11-26, 20-24:11 “‘For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a
shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where
they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I
will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I
will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing
land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down,
declares the Sovereign Lord. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but
the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. 20 “‘Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them:
See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak
sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, 22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge
between one sheep and another. 23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and
be their shepherd. 24 I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Epistle-1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ
all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will
come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25** For he must
reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For he “has put everything under
his feet.”[. Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put
everything under Christ. **28** When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so
that God may be all in all.

Gospel: Matthew-25:31-46 31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the
nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will
put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my
Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me
something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you
clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite
you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I
tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ 41 “Then he will say to those on his
left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave
me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and
you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever
you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life †

Sermon Hymn: The Lamb

Sermon: "Our Loved ones with the Lord" what we can and cannot say. 1 Thessalonoians 4:13-18

We remember in prayer those called by God to their heavenly home this church year



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for o. ur leaders, and for all of your concerns. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: – "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"



ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets downstairs in Zimmerman Hall.

JBC & Sunday School will meet Nov 29th & Dec 13th & 27th.

Ladies Aide will meet Dec 8 at 10 am

Mission of the Month



The Rev. Jason Groth and his wife Emily, serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Belize. In this role, they help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize.

Our Church Mission

The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins





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KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be 4th year seminarian Sergui Trifa. After completing his vicarage in his home country of Romania he is now completing his pastoral training and will receive his first call in April. Sergui will also speak to our Bible Class about his past and future plans. All are welcome to join us.

On Sunday, November 29, 2026 we will be decorating the church and Narthex for the upcoming Christmas season. If you can please plan on staying after church and helping us to get our church ready for Christmas.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25, 2026 at noon.



December 2nd, 9th & 16th will be Advent Devotions at noon



December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 4:00pm



